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SUBJECT: JUSTICE DEPT REQUEST TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW IN
-- CANADA

1. JUSTICE DEPT HAS REQUESTED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SITE OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES FOR INTERVIEW BY JUSTICE DEPT OF ONE ROBERT SHAHEEN WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE OF SAUDI ARABIAN KISHOGL. (LATTER IS SAUDI ARABIAN BUSINESS-MAN WHO FIGURES IN LOCKHEED AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IN VARIOUS USG AGENCIES.) ROBERT SHAHEEN IS WILLING TO APPEAR VOLUNTARILY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION BUT DOES NOT WISH TO DO SO IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF BEING SUBPOENAED OR OTHERWISE SERVED IF HE ENTERS US JURISDICTION. JUSTICE SUGGESTS IF DEPT AND GOC HAVE NO OBJECTION THAT SUCH AN INTERVIEW TAKE PLACE IN AMERICAN EMBASSY OR CONSULATE IN CANADA. INTERVIEW WOULD TAKE SEVERAL HOURS AND WOULD BE RECORDED BY STENO TYPIST. INTERVIEW WOULD PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE WEEK OF JULY 26.

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2. GIVEN THE FACT THAT SHAHEEN'S PRESENCE WOULD RAISE NO SECURITY PROBLEMS AND IS VOLUNTARY, WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO ACCEDING TO DEPT REQUEST PROVIDING GOC HAS NO OBJECTION. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO RAISE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO CONFIRM LACK OF ANY OBJECTION ON PART OF GOC. IN ADDITION TO FACILITIES, DEPT OF JUSTICE IS REQUESTING THAT THE SERVICES OF A COURT REPORTER BE SECURED FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS OF THE INTERVIEW. KISSINGER

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